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### **HRC Releases Cathedral Catholic Statement**

The Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission works to promote positive human relations, respect, and the integrity of every individual regardless of gender, religion, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or citizenship status. Appreciating and respecting one another is of utmost importance, and these lessons start at a young age. We urge our communities to join us and remain vigilant in teaching these lessons. High school students recently reminded us all how important these lessons remain.

We acknowledge Cathedral Catholic High School's public apology after football players circulated and posed in offensive photos aimed at Lincoln High School, which Cathedral played in a football game the week before. One social media post created by a Cathedral Catholic player had a photo of somebody wearing a shirt that read "Catholics vs. Convicts III" with the caption "We run the city" typed onto the photo.

We also value the letter school leaders sent to families condemning the photos as racist and stating that the school unreservedly apologizes "for the poor judgment shown by the students who posed for and posted the racist photos."

This incident reminds us of the work that must continue in our communities. We encourage our school communities take the following actions:

- Ensure that words and actions meet high standards, and that racists behavior and acts are not tolerated.
- Ensure that every student, family member, guest or employee feels valued, safe, and welcomed.
- Create a plan to address racial bias and restorative practices.

The Human Relations Commission works to foster mutual respect and understanding among all communities within the county. We look forward to working with the County of San Diego's Office of Equity and Racial Justice to develop solutions that create safe and welcoming culturally competent spaces for our youth in San Diego.

**About the Commission:** The Board of Supervisors established the Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission in May 2020 to promote positive human relations, respect, and the integrity of every individual regardless of gender, religion, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or citizenship status. The Commission consists of 31 members, of which [25 are currently seated](#).

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